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H. R. 280

To require the Federal Communications Commission to implement the recommendations of the Joint Board concerning universal service support for schools and libraries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 7, 1997

Mr. SERRANO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds that—

1 (1) the Joint Board established by the Federal
2 Communications Commission pursuant to the Tele-
3 communications Act of 1996 has submitted its rec-
4 ommendations to the Commission concerning univer-
5 sal service support for the provision of advanced
6 telecommunications services to schools and libraries
7 (CC Docket 96–45);

8 (2) the interconnection of schools and libraries
9 proposed to be supported by those recommendations
10 is essential to preparing American students for the
11 technological literacy they will require to compete in
12 the economy of the 21st century;

13 (3) adequate financial support for the imple-
14 mentation of that interconnection will be necessary
15 to prevent schools and libraries in poor and dis-
16 advantaged communities from being left behind; and

17 (4) therefore, those recommendations can and
18 should be promptly and completely implemented by
19 the Federal Communications Commission.

20 **SEC. 2. COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT REGULATIONS.**

21 Within 60 days after the date of enactment of this
22 Act, the Federal Communications Commission shall take
23 all actions necessary to implement the recommendations
24 of the Federal-State Board established pursuant to section
25 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254)

1 pertaining to the establishment of universal service sup-
2 port mechanisms for the provision of advanced tele-
3 communications and information services to schools and
4 libraries, as submitted to the Commission on November
5 7, 1996 (CC Docket 96–45).

